

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to voice my support of the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide many benefits to small town, rural consumers like myself, including more choices in channels - especially important local broadcast channels.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. I look at this a no different from choosing a cable company or online service provider. Even in Pennsylvania we can choose our electricity provider. I live in a rural area where high-speed internet connection are not available and will not be for many years to come. This merger would at least enable rural computer users to have the same fast, reliable connections as out counterparts in larger cities.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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